

HOUSE BILL No. 1278

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-8.1-3-21.

Synopsis: Reporting tax violations. Provides that the commissioner of the department of state revenue (department) may pay money for useful information concerning: (1) the underpayment of various taxes; or (2) the commission of various tax crimes. Provides that money paid to an informant comes from the amounts collected by the department, less interest, as a result of receiving the information. Provides that the department shall establish and promote a program to receive information from the public concerning: (1) the underpayment of various taxes; and (2) the commission of various tax crimes.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-8.1-3-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2008]: **Sec. 21. (a) As used in this section, "tax crime" means a**
4 **crime having one (1) or more elements that involves the failure to**
5 **comply with a listed tax statute.**

6 **(b) The commissioner may pay money to a person for**
7 **information that the commissioner determines is useful for:**

8 **(1) detecting the underpayment of a listed tax; or**

9 **(2) prosecuting a tax crime.**

10 **Any amount paid under this subsection for useful information**
11 **received by the department shall be paid from the amounts**
12 **collected, other than interest, as the result of receiving the**
13 **information. An amount paid to a person under this subsection**
14 **may not exceed the amount collected, less interest, as the result of**
15 **receiving the information.**

16 **(c) The department shall establish a program to receive**
17 **information from the public concerning:**



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(1) the underpayment of listed taxes; and

(2) the commission of tax crimes.

(d) The department shall promote the program described in subsection (c). The department's promotion of the program must include the following:

(1) Creating a web page for the program.

(2) Establishing a toll free telephone number for the program.

(3) Providing information on the program in the department's publications.

(e) For all information received through the program described in subsection (c), the department shall:

(1) make a reasonable investigation of the information; or

(2) if another agency is the preferred enforcement body, convey the information to the other agency.

(f) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out this section.

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